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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 10, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims

Please make the following changes to the claims. A marked up version of the original claims is attached in Appendix A.

1. (Amended) An elevator system comprising:  
a cab;  
at least one rope having a plurality of metallic load bearing members associated with the cab;  
at least one sheave that guides the rope as the cab moves; and  
an inspection device that provides information regarding a wear condition of a portion of the rope that is most likely to wear.

5. (Amended) A method of inspecting at least one belt in an elevator system where the belt is associated with a cab and is guided by at least one sheave, comprising the steps of:  
(A) determining a portion of the belt that is most likely to wear;  
(B) positioning an inspection device relative to the belt; and